

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated June 30, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 9-17, 37, 38, 44, 46-48, 56, 57, 67, 68, 74, 79, 80, 90, 91, 97, 103, 104, and 110 recite allowable subject matter. Claims 1-44, 46-74, 76-97, and 100-118 are pending after this amendment, of which claims 34, 40, 64, 70, 87, 93, 100, 106, and 111-113 are withdrawn from consideration. Applicants add new claims 119-121.

Applicants amend claims 1, 46, 48, 49, 52, 62, 79, 85, 101, 102, 103, 105, 107, and 118 and cancel claims 16, 45, 75, 98, and 99. Applicants have rewritten the allowable claims in independent form or have included the allowable features of the objected claims into the respective independent claim. In addition, new claims 119-121 recite features of “a lower chamber unit mounted to the base frame, wherein the lower chamber unit defines a lower interior space and includes an upper surface” and a feature of “an upper chamber unit arranged over the lower chamber unit, wherein the upper chamber unit defines an upper interior space, includes a lower surface, and is joinable to the lower chamber unit”. None of cited references, considered separately or in combination, teaches or suggests at least these features of the present invention.


Thus, Applicants believe the foregoing amendments and remarks place the application, including all pending claims, in condition for allowance, and early, favorable action is hereby respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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